

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR VIRGINIA CHESAPEAKE BAY LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD FY 2003 FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

ISSUE: City Council consideration of submission of a grant application to the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board for FY 2003 funding for the City of Alexandria Chesapeake Bay Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) that:

- (1) Authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board for FY 2003 funding for an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for the City of Alexandria Chesapeake Bay Program; and
- (2) Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

DISCUSSION: The Virginia Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board is soliciting proposals supporting municipal Chesapeake Bay Programs. The municipal programs were developed to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act; the City's program is defined in Article XIII of the City Zoning Ordinance. Grant awards are for FY 2003 and are to support the implementation of local programs.

The City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), proposes a project to inventory all of the City streams to determine their physical characteristics and existing conditions and to evaluate the health of each watercourse. This project will create a baseline with which the City can measure progress and will help create a framework within which the Department and the City can make decisions concerning development projects and its own capital projects for stream restoration and channel maintenance.

Currently, there is limited information on the condition of our streams and water bodies. The information derived from this project will be used to prioritize funding for capital projects and focus the efforts of our Chesapeake Bay Program. This stream inventory project will provide a stand alone decision-making tool that will be incorporated into the City's GIS system and will be

a significant step in developing a Watershed Management Plan that will guide our long-term efforts to protect and restore our watershed. The efforts of this project will contribute to fulfilling several of the initiatives in the Water Quality Management Supplement to the City's Master Plan adopted by the City Council in January, 2001.

A consultant will be hired to perform the majority of the work involved in this project. That consultant will walk the entire length of all streams in the City to collect data describing physical conditions of the stream channels, banks and buffers. The consultant will also perform biological assessments at specified intervals on each stream to help determine the health of each stream. The consultant will compile all information into a database which will be incorporated into our GIS system to be used as a desktop tool for the City. The consultant will also produce a report describing the state of our streams.

Due to time constraints the grant application will be filed with the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department by the deadline, December 7, 2001, contingent upon City Council approval of the attached resolution. Upon approval, the resolution will be delivered to the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department to complete the application.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total project cost is \$140,000. The State grant of \$75,000 will be matched with \$55,000 in monies from the T&ES FY 2002 CIP budget (from either Channel Maintenance (\$800,000) or Environmental Restoration (\$100,000) funds) and with \$10,000 in an in-kind match of City staff time. The City match is not required for the grant, but DEQ believes that the match will significantly increase the likelihood of the City being awarded this grant. The City is responsible for normal administrative costs associated with this grant. These costs include financial and reporting oversight provided by DEQ, as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Resolution (Attachment 1). The grant application may be reviewed in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3600, City Hall, during normal office hours.

STAFF: Bill Hicks, P.E., Watershed Program Administrator, Environmental Quality
William J. Skrabak, Division Chief, Environmental Quality
Rich Baier, P.E., Director, T&ES
Morgan Routt, Budget/Management Analyst, OMB

RESOLUTION NO.

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WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board has promulgated a Request for Proposals to the Local Assistance Competitive Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is the duly elected legislative body for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, an eligible entity under the Local Assistance competitive Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the FY 2003 competitive Grants Program Request for Proposals, it is required that a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application be received from all localities party to a grant proposal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. That the City Manager be authorized to apply on behalf of the City of Alexandria for a grant not to exceed the amount of \$ 75,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department for the purpose of performing a stream inventory project in the City of Alexandria; and

2. That if the grant is awarded, the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to pay for the costs of the grant project, projected to be \$140,000 in total costs, providing that certain of these costs are subject to grant reimbursements up to a total of \$75,000, which shall be payable from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department in accordance with a contractual agreement to be executed between the City of Alexandria and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department, and that, if the City of Alexandria subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to reimburse the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department for the total amount of the funds expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

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KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

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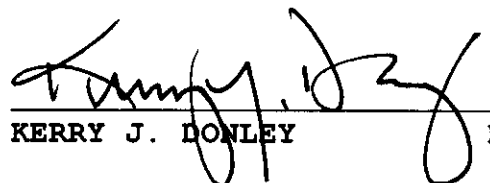
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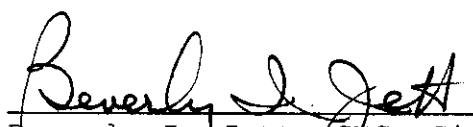
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